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In re the Application of:

TI-26738

Eric J. Stotzer, et al.

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For: Methods and Apparatus for Reducing the Size of Code With an Exposed Pipeline by Encoding NOP Operations as Instruction Operands

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Ass't Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following sentence:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of Provisional Application Number 60/173,795, filed December 30, 1999 (TI-26738P1); Provisional Application Number 60/183,357, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-26738P2); and Provisional Application Number 60/183,527, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-30302PS).--

Respectfully submitted,



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